

THE WILLISTON-JERICO DISPUTE.
Failure to Pass the Bill to Establish the
Line Between the Two Towns.
Following are the majority and minor-

"MAJORITY REPORT."

The special committee to whom was referred House bill No. 6, entitled "An act to alter and establish the line between the towns of Williston and Jericho," respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend that the bill be enacted as follows:

First, By striking out in lines one and six, of section one, of the printed bill, the words "and Jericho;"

Second, By striking out in line four of section two, of the printed bill, the words "of L. Burnap, clerk," and inserting in their stead the words "of J. A. Russell, clerk."

To wit: That when so amended that it ought to pass.

The reason that after having heard the evidence, and arguments of counsel, on both sides, they believe the public good and private convenience require it.

That the evidence and circumstances show that there is no real boundary line as the line as now existing, and such a

to this, and at the same, that it can be made to serve better than by a still better charter. Your committee has visited the premises and carefully examined the same. They find that the Wisconsin boundary between this town and Chartered was the natural and established boundary line between these towns, and all of the towns lying along the entire north and river from Lake Kaministiquia to the mouth. That the only exceptions are where new towns have been formed, and chartered, and thus changes made. That this, one of the largest rivers in the State, is the boundary line between the natural boundary line between the towns along its course.

That in early times the bed of this river was the boundary line between these towns, and that as the river has changed its alluvial and the bed of the river changes gradually by natural wear on one side, and accretion on the other.

That in the year 1856, beyond the memory of man, by reason of a freshet or flood, as tradition has it, the river broke through from its then bed into what was then a new bed, and that since for it has a new bed or channel, and that as it runs in this new bed or channel ever since, and the experience of the gradual and natural changes common to all rivers and water courses, and that the probability will continue to do so for all time to come.

That when the river thus broke through

taken on Williston side of the river about
 30 acres of land.
 That these lands have ever since been
 used for the grazing of the herds of Jernico.
 That the grand list of this 120 acres is
 bonafide.
 That this land is owned by three, and
 all of the town of Williston, who reside
 here.
 That there are no dwelling houses on
 this land, and no direct road across the
 land, but a road to be made.
 That it respects the owners of this land
 no great inconvenience to go to Jericho
 by their taxes.
 That the owners of land, and the town
 of Williston as represented by their
 electors, desire the establishment of the
 new line as indicated in this bill.
 That in the presence of the Williston
 community to be held by the representatives
 of the town of Williston is bound to pay
 or proportionate share of all the present
 taxes on the 120 acres of Jernico.
 That these taxes now being paid are
 paid down as taxes or otherwise, which
 he said parcels of land to say, that would
 be a great deal of money, but that they re-
 ceived a part of the tax in the shape of
 a town of Jernico. So that while the town
 of Jernico possess of its grand list, it will
 not all pay taxes now due on these
 120 acres, but in the payment of this
 bill is a share of the burden left.
 That there is an acknowledged uncer-
 tainty in the present grand list of the
 town of Jernico, the Illinois lot depends in
 settling and proceeds almost to the surface
 of the town having almost if not en-
 tirely been sold in parcels, so that there
 is a great uncertainty in the grand list.
 That on the Williston side of the river
 there is a piece of land of about 150 acres
 owned by both towns.
 That this uncertainty as to where the
 present line is, is estimated by the people
 of Jericho, in their remembrance sub-

the establishment of a permanent line. Your committee believe that no one will be injured by the passage of this bill, but that it will be greatly benefited, and that there can be no just reason why the bill should not pass, therefore repeating their recommendation that it ought to pass.

JOHN E. WHITELOCK,
Chairman.

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MINORITY REPORT.

to the House of Representatives.

A minority of the special committee, consisting of the Messrs. from Chattanooga, to whom was referred House bill No. 60, respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend that it ought not to pass for the following reasons:

1. That this bill sets off to the town of Williston 15 acres of the most valuable and fertile soil on which no one lives in the town line, and upon which there is not a rod of highway to maintain.
2. That there is not at present nor ever has been heretofore any controversy between the towns of Jericho and Williston about the town line.
3. That there has been no attempt or occasion to find the present town line between the towns.
4. That the present town line can be located if necessary.

That neither the town of Williston nor the individual owners of the land are

ence in consequence of the town line remaining unchanged.

That the petition of public necessity or inconvenience has arisen which calls for, or justifies, the proposed action of the Legislature.

That it is unjust and a wrong to Jericho to set any portion of its grand list to another town.

That the application comes from two or three land owners who desire to set their land from the adjoining town of Jericho to the town of Williston (where they now happen to reside) for their own satisfaction and personal convenience.

That the proposed precedent is an unwise and unsafe one to make, inasmuch as it would set a bad example of a class existing in the State inviting similar special legislation.

H. W. PACKARD,
G. W. WOODWORTH,
JOHN L. STEVENS,
JOHN L. BAISTOV.

After a brief discussion the minority resigned and the bill was passed.

A republican Wellsborough, Pa., Illinoisan, his house in honor of Harrison's election. His wife, who is a democrat, closed one blind on each window to show her face to the republican and the subject—*Wellsborough, Pa.*